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AESDirect
The Internet - Based AES
Filing Option

AESDirect

- *AESDirect* is the Census Bureau's free, internet-based system for the filing of Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) information to the Automated Export System (AES). It is the electronic alternative to the paper SED and can be used by exporters, forwarders, or anyone else responsible for filing an SED.



Purpose

- Provide a new, easy-to-use internet filing methodology for existing AES options.
- Remove cost as an issue to AES participation.
- Eliminate paper SEDs.
- Another option to replace AERP.
- Increase participation in AES.



***AESDirect* - Filing Option Details**

- On-line interactive application and batch.
- Capture and edit shippers export info.
- Transmit to AES at Customs error free.
- Messages back to the filer.
- Retain, store and provide access to transactions.
- Report generation capabilities.
- Filing options 2 and 4.



Other Provisions

- Operational 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.
- Extensive tutorial.
- On-line help facility.
- Help desk 12 hours/day, 7 days a week.
- On-line registration.



Cost to Users

- Access to and use will be free.
- Census Bureau will pay.
- Does not include other services provided by this or other contractors.
- Can be linked to from other sites.
- Available to exporters, freight forwarders, and carriers for SEDs - no manifests.



Current Participation

- *AESDirect* went into production 10/4/99
- Number of companies registered and which have passed the tutorial - 68
- Number of companies filing - 14
- Number of SEDs submitted - 522



Demonstration of AESDirect

- Bob Foley, Flagship Customs Services, Inc.
- Sales demo
- Registration process
- Tutorial
- Data security
- Completing a Shipper's Export Dec



Where to find us.

AESDirect

www.aesdirect.gov

AES Help Line

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FTD Internet site

www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/

